

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Vincent André Lucien Crevenat	Confirmation No.: 1090
Appln. No.:	10/596,832	Group Art Unit: 2836
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Title:	SURG PROTECTOR DEVICE WITH SIMULTANEOUSLY-TRIGGERED SPARK GAPS IN PARALLEL	Atty. Docket No.: 149659-110291
		Customer No.: 25207

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2009, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

STATUS OF APPLICATION PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-15 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Veraldi (U.S. Patent No. 4,280,098).

Claims 3-5 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Veraldi (U.S. Patent No. 4,280,098) in view of Danowsky et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,111,740).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

Excess Claims Fees

Applicant had previously paid fees sufficient to cover twenty total claims and three independent claims. As a result of the Amendment and Response filed herewith, the application currently has twenty total claims and five independent claims. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the appropriate large entity fees for excess claims in the amount of \$440 for two additional independent claims (\$220 per claim) to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.

Extension of Time

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month up to and including February 5, 2010, to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$130 for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.